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Subject: Eugene Dollman

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 4 Oct. 51 concerning Eugene Dollman.
2. The files of this Agency reflect the following information on Dollman:
 - a. He was born on 21 Aug. 1901 in Ratisbon, Bavaria, reportedly from English mother and German father. He speaks English and German bilingually and his Italian is excellent. He lived in his youth for years in Italy and knows that country quite thoroughly. He became a member of the NSDAP and SS early in the Nazi regime and by 1937 was a rising SS official and a protege of Heinrich Himmler.
 - b. During the early phases of World War II, Dollman became a trusted personal representative of Hitler in Italy, and organized intelligence networks all over Italy. His headquarters was in the German Embassy in Rome.
 - c. As the war progressed, Dollman became a high-level personal liaison officer between the Germans (SS-General Wolff and Field Marshall Albert Kesselring) and the Italians (Field Marshall Graziani, Minister of Interior Bocchini, and others). As such, with the rank of SS-Standartenfuehrer (colonel), he served as a key personality in the maneuverings of key Allied and German officials in March-April 1945 which finally brought about the surrender of all German armed forces in Italy in

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the last days of World War II in Europe. He was arrested and interned for some time after May 1945.

3. Dallman was not chief of the German intelligence service (Abwehr) in Italy, however. That position was held by Oberst (colonel) von Helfrich who was representative of Admiral Canaris, then chief of German Abwehr.

4. After the war, Dallman settled down in Lugano Switzerland, and has been sporadically engaged in attempts to sell his memoirs and various German wartime documents and official films. He has also been reported in close contact with former German military comrades and contacts. He is reported to be in a poor financial situation recently.

5. Dallman has been reported from time to time in contact with Italian intelligence officials in postwar Italy, in part because of his previous acquaintanceship with these individuals. He has used the alias "Eugen Amon" in his postwar travel in Italy but we have no knowledge of his Italian passport.

6. We have no information concerning subject's link with the Italian Navy or with the two German scientists reported in Germany. It is believed that the two Germans concerned actually refer to Professor Gottfried Koch and Hermann Oberth. Oberth an internationally known expert on rocket-propelled missiles, and his colleague Koch (a chemist and vice-director of the Buranaker, near St. Petersburg Soviet of Zone Germany) are both believed to be in La Spezia at the present time initiating rocket development program for the Italian Navy.

7. Full data on both of these scientists is available with their Agency as well as with Intelligence Division, NICD. It is

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"also believed that 7000 MIO, Germany has pertinent information on these two officials. Your attention is also called to an intelligence information Report IR-152-51 dated June 1, 1951 which describes Obertie's present activities in Italy in detail."

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